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BERKLEY WOMAN CLAIMS POLICE SHOT HER PIT BULL



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BERKELY, Ill. (WLS) -- A west suburban Berkley woman plans on filing a lawsuit Monday after a police officer shot her pit bull.

The woman tells ABC7 Eyewitness News that her dog was outside with her kids Friday night when police shot it.

"They said that the dog had lunged at the officer, that she was being aggressive, rough with the children, so that's pretty much all I have gotten from them so far," said Gina Stone, the dog's owner. "It's not right. It wasn't right for my kids to see that, it wasn't fair to the dog for that to happen."

She says police cited her for a vicious dog at large, no tags and disorderly conduct.

Messages for Berkley Police have not been returned.

The dog is expected to recover.

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Yotie · 23 days ago

These two small kids were running around barefoot in the street! It's a wonder she doesn't lose custody of them!

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JustDogz · 23 days ago

Do I agree with wrongful shooting of pets without just cause? NO! But lady, YOU allowed your aggressive dog to run at large, unsupervised in a residential neighborhood. It is YOUR fault and YOUR lack of judgement that resulted in the animal being out of control and threatening a law officer. Enough of your c***, taxpayers don't need to bear the burden of a lawsuit brought on by your irresponsibility.

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Lady, it is YOUR fault and YOUR responsibility that your dog was loose where it could behave aggressively. Taxpayers should not have to bear the burden of this frivolous lawsuit.

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Berkeley Police · 23 days ago

At approximately 5:10 p.m. on October 5th, 2014, Berkeley Police responded to multiple calls from residents in the 1100 Block of Taft Avenue, Berkeley, IL. The Complainants stated there was a loose vicious dog running around the street with two young unsupervised barefoot children chasing it with sticks and poles. The Caller stated he tried to help corral the dog but it growled, showed its teeth and came aggressively towards him. The caller retreated into the safety of his home and called Police.

Upon arrival of Berkeley Police, they located the dog in the parkway. The dog described as a grey pit-bull was not on a leash and came aggressively (growling and showing its teeth) at the responding officer. The Officer stepped back creating space when the dog again came aggressively towards the officer. Fearing for his own safety and the safety of others, the officer drew his service weapon, kept his weapon at the low ready, and retreated again. The dog continued to come aggressively at the officer. It was the third time that the dog aggressively lunged toward the officer with its teeth showing, that the officer discharged his service weapon striking the dog in the facial area. The owner of the dog was not outside with the children when the incident occurred. Approximately 45 minutes later after a chase through the neighborhood the dog was corralled by police and captured using canine control tactics.

Berkeley Police transported the wounded dog to the DuPage Animal Hospital where it was released to the owner.

The owner was issued citations for having a vicious dog at large, no village dog license, and disorderly conduct.

This unfortunate incident is a reminder why all dogs must be kept on a leash and under the control of its owner. Berkeley Police are committed to providing the best service to our residents and ask that all residents please abide by our local laws.

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Nazonee  Berkeley Police · 12 days ago

Thank you for posting this. I am a LOVER of the Pit Bull breed, and it is stories like this that really tick me off! A few rules when you own ANY breed or mix of breeds. ONE, Never leave children unattended with a dog. TWO, Always make sure your dog/dogs are legal according to the laws of your state/county/city etc. THREE, It is YOUR responsibility to insure the dogs safety. Pit Bulls will do anything asked of them by their caretaker, not always in their own best interest. It is oh so apparent that this woman needs to pull her head out of the sand, do the correct thing not only by the dog but also by her children. I can almost bank that the dog was protecting the children not only from the man who tried to help but also the police. Once again HUMANS have set up a dog for failure and they call the dog the bad guy here...NOT!

 